

Mail Stop RCE

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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</p>	Application Number	09/800,520
	Filing Date	March 8, 2001
	First Named Inventor	IBA et al.
	Group Art Unit	1648
	Examiner Name	G.G. Leffers, Jr.
	Attorney Docket Number	423-59

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ **Previously submitted**

i. ☒ **Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on** JULY 27, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ **Enclosed**

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status.

b. ☒ Fees are attached as calculated below:

i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)** 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP **\$ 770.00**

ii. ☐ Petition is made to extend the due date _____ months (less _____ months previously paid) \$ _____

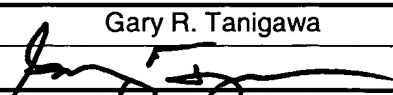
iii. ☐ Other _____ \$ _____

c. ☒ **Check in the amount of \$ 770.00** _____ enclosed

d. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. **14-1140**

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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